

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 1, as follows:

-- right and left pins rotatably securing said right and left side walls of the rotatable hood to said right and left side walls of the stationary hood respectively, such that the rotatable hood is rotated between a closed position in which the first [[π]] inverted U-shaped lower peripheral edge of the rotatable hood is placed on the top surface of the weighing device and form a substantially rectangular peripheral edge together with the substantially [[π]] inverted U-shaped peripheral edge of the stationary hood to form a substantially sealed space surrounding a weighing dish of the weighing device, and an opened position in which the second substantially [[π]] inverted U-shaped peripheral edge of the rotatable hood is placed on the top surface of the weighing device to form an opening through which an article to be weighed is put on and off the weighing dish of the weighing device. --

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 13, as follows:

-- The stationary hood 11 of the roll-top shield 10 has a top wall 11a with a round surface and right and left side walls 11b, 11c and these top wall and side walls are coupled with each other to form a substantially [[π]] inverted U-shaped lower peripheral edge 11d to be placed on the top surface of the weighing device 1. Similarly, the rotatable hood 12 has a top wall 12a with a round surface and right and

left side walls 12b and 12c, and these walls are coupled with each other to form first and second substantially inverted U-shaped peripheral edges 12d and 12e. The right and left side walls 12b and 12c of the rotatable hood 12 are rotatably secured to the right and left side walls 11b and 11c of the stationary hood 11, respectively by means of right and left pins 13a and 13b, respectively extending in the horizontal direction. Therefore, the rotatable hood 12 can be rotated up and down over the stationary hood 11. --

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, last line, as follows:

-- In Fig. 1, the rotatable hood 12 is in a closed position, in which the substantially inverted U-shaped peripheral edge 11d of the stationary hood 11 and the first substantially inverted U-shaped peripheral edge 12d of the rotatable hood 12 are placed on the top surface of the weighing device 1 such that these peripheral edges 11d and 12d form a substantially rectangular shape periphery corresponding to a rectangular shape of the top surface of the weighing device 1. Therefore, a large area can be covered with the shield 10. Furthermore, upon viewed in a horizontal direction, the stationary hood 11 and rotatable hood 12 form a substantially semi-cylinder having an axis extending in the horizontal direction. In this manner, the stationary hood 11 and rotatable hood 12 define a large space surrounding the weighing dish 2. --

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 15, as follows:

-- As explained above, when the rotatable hood 12 is rotated downward such that the first substantially $[\pi]$ inverted U-shaped peripheral edge 12d of the rotatable hood 12 is placed on the top surface of the weighing device 1 as shown in Fig. 1, the stationary hood 11 and rotatable hood 12 form a substantially closed space surrounding the weighing dish 2. It should be noted that this closed space has a substantially semi-cylindrical shape having an axis extending horizontally, and thus the closed space has a large volume. When the rotatable hood 12 is rotated upward as illustrated in Fig. 2, the top wall 12a of the rotatable hood 12 is overlapped with the top wall 11a of the stationary hood 11 to form an opening having a varying size. A size of the opening becomes maximum when the second substantially $[\pi]$ inverted U-shaped peripheral edge 12e of the rotatable hood 12 is placed on the top surface of the weighing device 1. In this condition, the weighing dish 2 becomes almost free from the shield 10 and an article to be measured can be very easily placed on and off the weighing dish 2 in front and back directions, right and left side directions and up and down directions. --